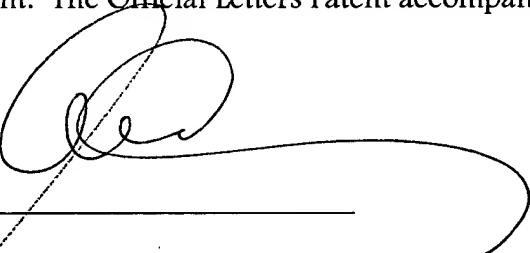


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Surgical Dynamics, Inc., owner by assignment of the accompanying reissue application for the reissue of letters patent 5,474,551 for UNIVERSAL COUPLER FOR SPINAL FIXATION, granted on December 12, 1995, hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent. The Official Letters Patent accompanies this letter.

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